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1. The Farkhadges power plant near Begovat (40°13'N/69°13'E), Uzbek S.S.R., was equipped with four water turbines. Each of the turbines was 6 meters high and 7 meters in diameter. Steel tubes 2 meters in diameter and 30 meters long, inclined from 45° to 80°, fed the water from the canal to the turbines, whose power output is unknown.
2. The current produced in the plant was delivered to Tashkent. The town of Begovat and the vicinity were supplied by a smaller power plant located close to the reservoir embankment. The small power plant was equipped with two or three turbines of unknown capacity.
3. The reservoir embankment, built of reinforced concrete, was about 800 meters long, about 25 meters wide at the base and 7 meters wide at the crest. The reservoir measured 500 x 800 meters and was 20 meters deep. It had nine outlets, five of which led to the river bed, four to the canal. The outlets were 8 meters above the old river bed.
4. A road and a single-track railroad line ran along the crest of the reservoir embankment. The construction of a second track was started. *

25X1* Comment. This report supplements previous information on the power plant near Begovat. The information that four turbines were in use by March 1949 is credible. According to information previously received, three turbines were running in the summer of 1947 and the installation of further turbines was allegedly planned. The measurements given for the reservoir embankment differ widely from data previously reported. However, the measurements in the present report seem more probable. The power plant supplied a metallurgical plant in Begovat, which, according to a Soviet press report, is of considerable importance. This metallurgical plant was put into operation in 1944, and 35 different profiles were rolled there in 1949. Efforts are being made to obtain further information on the power plant.

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